
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, October 2, 2003
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation – Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mario Perez*	Jeff Bailey
Vanessa Talamantes	Chi-Wai Au
Diane Brown	Richard Browne
Gordon Bunch*	Mark Etzel
Edric Mendia	Veronica Morales
Vicky Ortega*	Ricki Rosales
Gail Sanabria	Kathy Watt
Richard Zaldivar	

ABSENT

Sergio Avina
Antonio Bustamante
Cesear Cadabes
Edward Clarke
David Giugni
Rodolfo Zamudio

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Escobedo	Manuel Fonseca	Michael Janson	Ronald Merrick	Rene Seidel
Cheryl Williams	Paulina Zamudio			

I. ROLL CALL - Roll call was conducted.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

Dr. Melbourne Hovell and Dr. Ana P. Martinez presented a Power Point presentation titled "*Prevalance & Correlates of HIV-related Practices among Mexican Migrants*". A hand out was distributed and a copy of the hand out is on file.

Based on previous data suggesting that migrant laborers might represent a rapidly increasing HIV high risk group in the United States, a study was conducted. The purpose of the study was to survey Mexican migration on the Mexican North border to determine behavioral and social correlates of HIV-related risk practices among Mexican migrants arriving in Tijuana. The survey was conducted for the period of June, 2002 through December, 2002 with over 1,400 participants. The Questionnaire was limited and focused on questions such as: vaginal sex, anal sex, type of partners, how many partners and frequency of condom use.

Some of the questions were:

Q. Were you able to obtain any epidemiology data from Mexico?

A. Data from Tijuana and Mexico is scarce.

Q. Is there a study available to tract HIV positive status among newly arrived immigrants from Mexico, so we can tract where the virus may have originated/started?

A. In the survey, no positive cases were identified/found. If we had a positive, we could have linked the data to the survey.

Q. Who administered the survey? How was the survey administered?

A. Face-to-face interviews by trained Research Assistants.

Q. Did participants receive incentives, payments or compensation for participating in the survey?

A. Yes, an incentive of a \$5.00 phone card was given to the participants who completed the survey. In an attempt to obtain useful data (not to sku the data), the incentive was small.

Q. Did the research include migrants with disabilities?

A. Anyone who answered the questionnaire. There were no specific questions regarding disabilities.

The next month presentation is titled “*Project 1: HIV Risk Among Homeless Youth*” by Norweeta Milburn, Ph.D.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- move agenda item #XI – Sub-Committee Reports to agenda item # VI.
- move agenda item # VIII – Break to agenda item # VII.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The September 4, 2003 Meeting Summary was approved by consensus.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Luis Lopez**, National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is October 15, 2003 at Olvera Street. Approximately 12 agencies are planning a community briefing and breakfast – all are invited.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Prevention Plan (Ad Hoc) - **Diane Brown** reported at the last Prevention Plan Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Meeting a great deal of time was spent on discussing the lack of communication between the Consultant (hired to develop the Prevention Plan) and the PPC. The work being put into the plan is not representative of the work already completed by the PPC and the Prevention Plan Ad Hoc Sub-Committee. The recommendation of the Prevention Plan Ad Hoc Sub-Committee was for the Consultant to have a weekly dialogue with the PPC Co-chairs and the Prevention Plan Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Co-chairs. The members of the PPC will be instrumental establishing the Community Planning Focus Groups needed to assist in the development of the Comprehensive Prevention Plan. The next Prevention Plan Ad Hoc Sub-Committee meeting was changed to the second Tuesday of the month to accommodate the Consultant’s schedule. The next meeting is October 14, 2003 at OAPP.
- Joint Public Policy – **Mark Etzel** reported PPC Executive Committee and CHHS Executive Committee met and has the following recommendations:
 - identify joint activities where the PPC members and CHHS members can start to work together more routinely (i.e. cross training of members, possibly developing capacity building programs through OAPP’s Special Projects Division, developing joint needs assessment)
 - develop a work group to examine structural issues
 - Sunset review for CHHS – in June, 2004.
- CHHS – **Edric Medina** reported the Commission met on September 11, 2003 and took some action on the following:
 - hire a consultant to assess the OAPP functions as administrator for CARE ACTS funds.
 - reallocate under spent funds from medical outpatient to diagnostic testing program
 - approval of a communication form (which documents the communication between Commission Sub-Committees)
 - adopt directives that were set out under the priority and allocation process to direct OAPP actualize into contracts
 - adopt presentation guidelines
- Youth Leadership – **Chi-Wai Au** reported youth are currently working on designing a web site titled: www.everyoneisdoingit.org. The youth outreach cards have been approved and the sub-committee is reviewing youth friendly literature. The Youth Leadership Sub-Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- State Office of AIDS – **Gail Sanabria** reported the State of California funds some high-risk initiatives for youth that ends in June, 2004. The State is in the process of “putting out” RFA’s for initiatives for 3 groups (MSM, IDU and Positives [for PCRS]) in mid November, 2003 for Demonstration Projects.

The State is sending staff to all county jurisdictions to train on “rapid testing”. It is the State’s intent to “roll out” rapid testing on a continuous basis throughout this year. It appears the CDC will pay for rapid test instead of the State paying for rapid testing.

Effective July 1, 2004, the State of California Office of AIDS will begin a new 3-year contract cycle for Education Prevention Dollars. All health jurisdictions will be required to submit for the new contract period.

VII. BREAK

VIII. CDC APPLICATION

Mario Perez reported CDC application is currently being worked on by OAPP staff and will be mailed on Friday, October 3, 2003. Twenty (20) copies of DRAFT document was distributed.

IX. ADDENDUM TO THE PREVENTION PLAN

The current Prevention Plan developed in the year 2000 does not include the following:

1. HIV Counseling and Testing
2. Partner Counseling and Referral Services
3. Prevention for HIV Infected Persons
4. Priority Settings
5. HIV Reporting
6. Perinatal
7. Evaluation
8. Updated EPI Profile

The Addendum to the Prevention Plan was developed as an enhancement to the CDC Application and includes the 8 subjects listed above. This document was distributed today and there is a copy on file.

X. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Jeff Bailey reported the State of California has convened a Gay Men’s Task Force to:

1. re-examine the allocation of funding in the State to ensure funding is directed at those BRG’s in need of prevention services and
2. discuss a Gay Men’s Health Agenda to look at a holistic model of gay men’s health.

Los Angeles was well represented at the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA).

CAPS performed a study on whether physicians discuss HIV with their patients and the study found that 19% of care providers discuss HIV with their patients, the discussion is by

- doctor
- health specialist
- case management

UCHAPS – discussion on new CBO announcement regarding initiatives directed toward Gay Men of Color and Women. How will Los Angeles County ensure that our community providers and community partners are going to be able to be responsive to these new announcements, so that Los Angeles does not miss out?

XI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIR REPORT

Mario Perez reported the CDC recently awarded \$14 million for programs to support the CDC’s new Advancing HIV Prevention Initiative (of those resources \$8.5 million dedicated to health departments and \$5.5 million earmarked for CBO and primary care clinics).

Mario Perez distributed a handout – Summary of CDC Awards Made to Health Department:

- Introduce routine rapid testing in high volume/high prevalence setting. Los Angeles County submitted an application to introduce rapid testing in 4 high volume settings [Clinica Romero, Los Angeles Free Clinic, White Memorial Medical Center and LAC/USC Medical Center).
- Introduce rapid testing at the Inmate Reception Center at Twin Towers. (*proposal not funded*).
- Rapid Testing as it results to PCRS to include PHIP providers, Los Angeles Shanti, Gay and Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, AFH and medical outpatient providers.

Rapid Testing Training is scheduled for November 12, 2003 and November 19, 2003 for forty (40) people to be trained on Rapid Testing. The current FFS (Fee-For-Service) structure needs to be reviewed to ensure that rates adopted for Rapid Testing will be the same or enhanced.

XII. PPC MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT

David Zucker, Efrain Reyes, Keisha Paxton and Kelly Gilmore have resigned from the PPC. There are gaps in our PPC membership. There is a need for outreach to solicit prospective PPC membership.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Zaldivar recognized Tim Young for organizing an event a couple of weeks ago. Also, expressed the need for the PPC and Audience to get involved and vote no on Prop 54.

XIV. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.

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